

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on November 29, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-27, now renumbered as 1-17 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-16, filed on November 29, 2006, with respect to claims 11-27 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 11-17 has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William Pieprz on January 18, 2007 and Mr. Steve Wegman on January 19, 2007.

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

The following amendment has been made for clarity of the claims.

Claim 11 is amended as follow: change "the Internet facsimile apparatus" in line 28 and line 31 to --the facsimile apparatus--

Claim 17 is amended as follow: change "the Internet facsimile apparatus" in line 27 and line 29 to --the facsimile apparatus--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 11-27 are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: Claims 11-27 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches a facsimile apparatus and method for transmitting image data to a relay Internet facsimile apparatus via PSTN, the relay Internet facsimile apparatus transmitting the image data to a plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses via the Internet wherein each of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses having a sub-address and an IP address comprising means for or step of, when the relay Internet facsimile apparatus determines that the sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses are received from the transmitting facsimile apparatus, the relay Internet facsimile apparatus converting the transmitted image data into data for Internet transmission and relaying the converted data to the plurality of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses via the Internet, based on the IP addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to the sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses stored in the memory of the relay Internet facsimile apparatus, and when the relay Internet facsimile apparatus determined that the sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses are not received from the transmitting facsimile apparatus, it printing out the transmitted image data.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

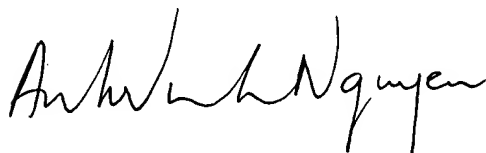
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- a. Toyoda (US Patent No. 6,897,985) discloses an Internet facsimile apparatus and address input method for inputting an e-mail address of a destination to the Internet facsimile apparatus.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272-7466. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday 12:30-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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